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IN THE CLAIMS

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1 (previously presented): For a friction drive in an earthworking machine including a shaft rotatable about an axis and engaging an outer periphery of a wheel, with the outer periphery of the wheel engaging the earth and propelling the earthworking machine on the earth, a friction enhancer comprising a tubular member adapted to be removably and slideably received on the shaft parallel to the axis, with the tubular member including an outer periphery having noncircular cross sections perpendicular to the axis, with the tubular member adapted to be prevented from rotating relative to the shaft.

2 (original): The friction enhancer of claim 1 with the wheel being a pneumatic wheel.

3 (original): The friction enhancer of claim 2 with the outer periphery having square cross sections perpendicular to the axis.

4 (original): The friction enhancer of claim 3 with the tubular member having an inner periphery having circular cross sections perpendicular to the axis, with the tubular member being in the form of square stock which is cut and drilled.

5 (original): The friction enhancer of claim 4 further comprising a spring pin extending through the tubular member and the shaft at a nonparallel angle to the axis.

6 (original): The friction enhancer of claim 3 with the wheel being pivotably mounted to a frame parallel to and spaced from the axis of the shaft and a rotational axis of the wheel.

7 (original): Earthworking machine comprising, in combination: a movably supported frame; a drive shaft rotatably mounted to the frame about a shaft axis and adapted to be rotated; an axle assembly pivotably mounted to the frame about an axle axis parallel to the shaft axis; at least one wheel rotatably mounted to the axle assembly about a wheel axis spaced from and parallel to the shaft axis and the axle axis, with the axle assembly being pivotable between a transport position and a working position, with the wheel having an outer periphery spaced from the drive shaft in the transport position and engaging the drive shaft in the working position, with the wheel being driven by the drive shaft when rotated.

8 (original): The earthworking machine of claim 7 further comprising, in combination: a friction enhancer removably received in a nonrotatable manner on the shaft, with the shaft with